

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 8-14, and add claims 15-20 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~An CE consumer apparatus~~ comprising a gateway for use between a home network and an external data network, wherein:

~~- the said apparatus has comprising:~~

an access point device for the home network;

~~- the wherein the access point device has a first functionality that enables broadband comprises:~~

a housing;

communication means for wireless data communication to in
the home network; and

~~- the access point device has a second functionality that serves as a~~

interface means for user-interface related to said apparatus, said interface means and said communication means being located within said housing.

2.(Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the access point device is connected to the apparatus via a cable.

3.(Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the access point device comprises an IR receiver.

4.(Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the access point device comprises a visual status indicator.

5.(Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the access point comprises a camera.

6.(Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the access point comprises a microphone.

7.(Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the access point comprises a FLASH memory card slot.

8. (Currently Amended) A device configured as an access point
~~for~~For use with an CE consumer apparatus that comprises a gateway
for being used between a home network and an external data network;
~~an access point device for the home network, wherein:~~
~~- the access point, the device comprising: has a first~~
functionality that enables broadband
communication means for wireless data communication to in the
home network; and
~~- the access point device has a second functionality that~~
~~serves as~~interface means for a user-interface related to said
apparatus, said interface means and said communication means being
located within said housing.

9. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 8, wherein the
~~access point device~~ is connectable to the apparatus via a cable.

10. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 8, further
comprising an IR receiver.

11. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 8, further
comprising a visual status indicator.

12. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 8, further
comprising a camera.

13. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 8, further
comprising a microphone.

14. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 8, further
comprising a FLASH memory card slot for digital still ~~images~~
images.

15. (New) The device of claim 8 further comprising a lamp
configured to indicate that an email message is waiting.

16. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the access point
device further comprises a lamp configured to indicate that an
email message is waiting.

17. (New) An access point device comprising:
a housing;
a first port configured to provide wireless communication among a plurality of appliances of a local network;
a second port configured to provide an interface to at least one of said plurality of appliances, said housing including said first port and said second port.

18. (New) The access point device of claim 17, wherein said at least one of said plurality of appliances includes a set-top box connectable to a monitor, said second port being connectable to said set-top box through a cable having a length configured to allow placement of said access point device substantially near said monitor.

19. (New) The access point device of claim 17, further comprising a camera configured to capture images, and provide said image to at least one of a monitor of said local network and an external network.

20.(New) The access point device of claim 17, further comprising a lamp configured to indicate that an email message is waiting.